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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 3736  
PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 6530.0145-01

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Jose L. FRANCESE et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3735  
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Application No.: 09/977,401 ) Examiner: MARMOR II, CHARLES  
) ALAN  
Filed: October 16, 2001 )  
) Confirmation No. 3026  
For: SUCTION ADAPTER FOR )  
MEDICAL INSTRUMENT )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the final Office Action mailed May 4, 2006, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R.  
§ 1.116, Applicants request reconsideration of this application based on the **Remarks**  
beginning on page 2.